

ISAAC SHRIVERS STORE

201 EAST MAIN STREET

Continuing the cornice line and second floor window placement of no. 197-199 East Main Street, no. 201 is one of the most crucial buildings on the Westminster streetscape. It defines and creates the western corner of a key intersection - the meeting of Court Street with Main Street; the meeting of a governmentally important street, the approach to the Court House, with the City's prime commercial artery. At this important point, it is good to have no. 201, a building whose uses have encompassed both law and trade, and whose 198' west facade stretches down Court Street to the Court House forming an almost Baroque axis. (This axis towards the Court House must have been even greater when the old Main Court Hotel stretched its deep colonnaded veranda down Court Street.) This interpretation is indirectly supported by Land Records. The first substantiated structure on the site was Isaac Shriver's stone store; Shriver also ran the Main Court Hotel. When the county was formed, Shriver gave the land for the proposed Court House and Jail, and helped lay out Court Street and the Court Square; the relationship of all these roads, plazas, and buildings, with his store and hotel is clear and probably intentional. The present brick buildings which form no. 201 and which replace Shriver's stone store probably date from 1854.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Isaac Shriver's Store

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

201 East Main Street (MD 32)

6

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Carroll

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☒ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☒ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☒ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☒ YES: RESTRICTED☒ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☒ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

James H. Billingslea, et. al

Telephone #: 848-5755

STREET & NUMBER

849 Gist Road

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland 21157

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Carroll County Office Building

STREET & NUMBER

Center Street

CITY, TOWN

Westminster

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

Number 201 East Main Street winds around the northwest corner of the intersection of Main (Maryland Route 32) and Court Streets, Westminster. The building's 4 bay 2 story south facade continues the same cornice line begun by its western neighbor, no. 197-99. The window line is also approximated, but, as no. 201's windows are slightly elongated, it doesn't quite come off. These windows are 2/2 paned and have wooden sills and louvered shutters, both painted the same shade of brown. The ground floor has been severely altered by having its original window-door arrangements bricked over. The resulting one story brick wall protrudes a few inches and meets the second story with a molded rounded brick course. The entire facade, both sections, is laid in unpainted stretcher bond above a low coursed fieldstone foundation. Bay placement takes the pattern DWDW. These ground floor windows are even more elongated and have 6/6 panes. The modern eastern door is double and has a large brown metal hood; these double doors have metal enframements and one large glass panel each. The western door is also modern - it is recessed about two feet, is a single smoked glass panel, and is topped by a three course gauged flat arch.

The east, or Court Street, facade has four stepped sections all laid in seven course common bond. It was recently (1974-5) remodelled to suit the desires of its owner and the commercial-professional needs of its tenants (lawyers, realtors, doctors, surveyors). The southern step is 8-bays long and continues the Main Street facade's roof-cornice treatment. Windows, again placed between brackets, have 6/6 panes, brown wooden sills and brown louvered shutters. On the ground floor, there is a triple door as the fifth-from-Main Street bay. These three doors are similar to the Main Street main door (metal enframement, single large smokey pane, brown metal hood). The other ground floor bays are 6/6 windows, treated in the same manner as those on the second floor. There are two iron-grated cellar windows north of the door in the here-visible stone foundation. Court Street slopes sharply here, causing the need for stepping the buildings, and making it possible for there to be, north of the cellar windows, a board and batten cellar entrance door depressed only 2 steps from the sidewalk.

Extending to the north are the flat roofed stepped "additions" (they may well have all been built contemporaneously). The first two are identical - two stories, five bays, central single panel ground floor doors, with brick and trim identical to the larger southern section; the only difference, in fact, is in window paning - in these two "additions", the second floor windows have 1/1 glass and aluminum storm windows and the ground floor windows have one large permanently closed pane per window. The final step is an eight-bay section; again, all second story bays are windows, but ground floor bays alternate door and windows which are all done in the same modern style as seen to the south.

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PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW		
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION		

SPECIFIC DATES

Before 1800; c. 1855

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Isaac Shriver; Jacob Reese

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

Number 201 East Main is one of the most crucial buildings on the Westminster streetscape. It defines and creates the western corner of a key intersection - the meeting of the short Court Street with the long Main Street; the meeting of a governmentally important street, the approach to the Court House, with the City's prime commercial artery. At such a point, it is good to have no. 201, a building whose uses have encompassed both law and trade, and whose 198 foot west facade creates an almost Baroque Avenue. (This sense of leading, of directing one's senses towards the Court House must have been even greater when the old Main Court Hotel stretched its deep veranda down Court Street.)

Such an interpretation might seem forced; however the building's history gives indirect support. The first substantiated structure on the site was Isaac Shriver's stone store; Shriver also ran the Main Court Hotel. When the county was formed, Shriver gave some land for the proposed Court House and jail, and helped lay out Court Street and the Court Square, and the relationship of all these roads, plazas, and buildings, with his store is clear and probably intentional (even the metes and bounds description of the Court House uses his store as the beginning points deed). Shriver's store was small and stone; it probably remained of that size and material after he sold it (November 29, 1845, deed 5/157) to Kanan Spraeckle, after Spraeckle sold it to Warfield and Mathias (April 19, 1897, 7/67), and after they sold it to Jacob Reese (January 16, 1854, 16/29). Reese, part of a long line prosperous local merchants, then bought an additional adjoining parcel (April 21, 1964, 31/58) and, presumably, then built the building we see today, and realized Shriver's hopes of having his old store mark the entrance to the Court House.

After Reese's death in 1872, the property remained in the hands of executors until George W. Albaugh, another local merchant, bought the place in 1880 (53/532) and held title, by himself, by his corporation, and by his executors until 1973 (532/349) when it was sold to its present owners, James H. Billingslea and Henry T. Redman.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY _____

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

Being located on the northwest corner of the intersection of East Main and Court Streets in Westminster.

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

Christopher Weeks, Consultant

November, 1976

ORGANIZATION

DATE

Westminster Historical Sites Survey

STREET & NUMBER

TELEPHONE

c/o City Hall - Public Works Department

CITY OR TOWN

STATE

Westminster

Maryland

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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

The northern seven course, common bond, end wall is blind except for a single cellar window, long since boarded over. A small flat-capped chimney creates the skyline. The north front of the Main Street section, west of the long ell, has a central 6/6 window on the second story (with a three course gauged-flat arch), and a ground floor four-panel door approached by a small single flight of wooden steps.

Within the L created by the two sections, is a sunless area full of rusty tin sheds, central air conditioners, and heating ducts. The entire west facade of the Court Street limb reads not as four sections, but as a single unit; it is entirely covered in red asbestos false-brick sheets with spasmodic bay placement; there are 10 bays on the second floor (all 2/2 windows except for the third from the north, which is an aluminum awninged four panel door, approached from the south by a single flight of wooden steps), and 17 on the ground floor in the pattern, just for the record, WDWDWWDWDDDWWDWDW. Most of the windows have been filled in and have heating/air conditioning ducts running out of them. The few that have not have 2/2 panes. Doors are five-panel reproductions.

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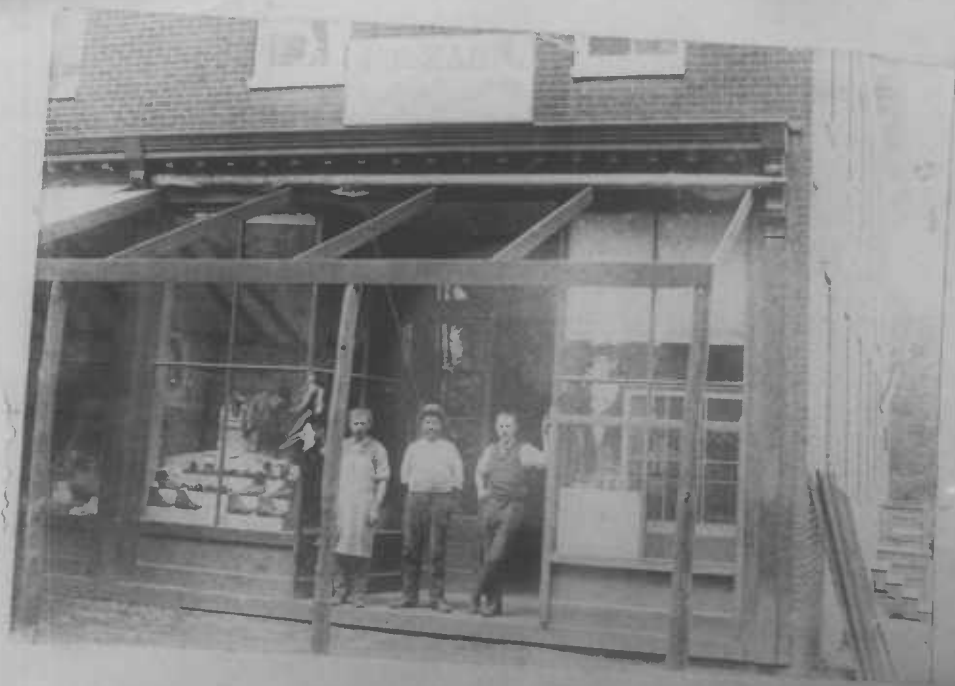
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c. 1890



CARR 366

201 E. Main St

(approach to
Court House)

looking N.

C. Weech 11/74

c. 1920



CARR 366

201 N. Main St.

W. 1st St.

S. Arcade

(entrance to Ct. Street)

C. Weech 11/76

c. 1900



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East Main Street, looking east from

Courthouse Street

ca. 1990

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CARR-366

Court Street - looking N. to

Court House

ca 1890

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201 E. Main Street

E. Jacobs Con (Court St.)

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